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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Two (2) months to file an Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified patent application. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and necessary fees on September 20, 2004, along with the Response to the Final Office Action. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Request for Continued Examination from November 20, 2004 up to and including January 20, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$225.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18396/1140. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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